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Art Unit 2872

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/725,539; Filed: December 3, 2003
For: **A Non-Planar Prism Used in a System for Obtaining Print and Other
Hand Characteristic Information**
Inventors: McClurg *et al.*
Our Ref: 1823.0820003

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

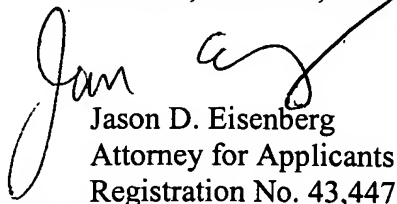
1. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS);
2. Form PTO-1449 (9 sheets) listing the cited documents;
3. Copies of the five (5) cited documents; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Information Disclosure Statement

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

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application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith.

Applicants have checked the appropriate boxes below.

- ☐ 1. Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.704(d). Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.
- ☒ 2. Filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement or fee is required.
- ☐ 3. Filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection, or Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.
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- ☐ c. Attached is our PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$_____ in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).
- ☐ 4. Filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date and after the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee. Enclosed find our PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$_____ in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p); in addition:
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- ☐ b. Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2). I hereby state that no item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign

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- ☒ 5. Documents AH1, AB3, AB4, and AD5 were cited in a search report in a counterpart PCT application. A copy of the search report is enclosed as document AN1 for the convenience of the Examiner.
- ☒ 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document AK1 appears below:
- Document AK1 (JP 3-161884) appears to describe a finger image input device. An English language abstract of document AK1 is enclosed as document AO1.
- ☒ 7. Copies of documents AJ1, AK1, AN1, AO1, and AP1 are submitted herewith.
- ☐ 8. Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in an IDS that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)-(c) in Application No. _____, filed _____, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).
- ☒ 9. No copies of U.S. patents and patent application publications cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 are submitted in accordance with 1276 OG 55 because this application was filed after June 30, 2003.
- ☐ 10. It is expected that the examiner will review the prosecution and cited art in the parent application no(s). _____ in accordance with MPEP 2001.06(b), and

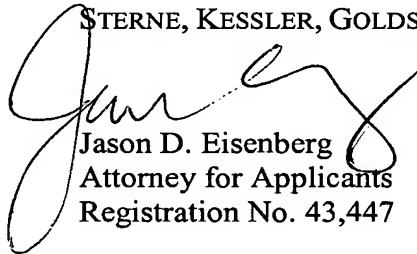
indicate in the next communication from the office that the art cited in the earlier prosecution history has been reviewed in connection with the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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	AA1	2,184,858	12/1939	Goodman			
	AB1	3,054,854	09/1962	Neasham			
	AC1	3,282,152	11/1966	Myer			
	AD1	3,333,502	08/1967	Flanagan			
	AE1	3,511,571	05/1970	Ogle			
	AF1	3,648,240	03/1972	Jacoby <i>et al.</i>			
	AG1	3,716,301	02/1973	Caulfield <i>et al.</i>			
	AH1	3,765,018	10/1973	Heard <i>et al.</i>			
	AI1	3,804,524	04/1974	Jocoy <i>et al.</i>			

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	TRANSLATION
	AJ1	WO 96/17480 A2&A3	06/1996	PCT			N/A
	AK1	JP 3-161884	07/1991	JP			No
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	AN	1	International Search Report from PCT Appl. No. PCT/US03/38644, filed December 5, 2003, 3 pages.
	AO	1	English Abstract for Japanese Patent Publication No. 3-161884, published July 7, 1991, 1 page, from http://v3.espacenet.com/ .
	AP	1	McClurg <i>et al.</i> , U.S. Patent Appl. No. 10/725,543, filed December 3, 2003, entitled "System Having a Rotating Optical System and a Non-Planar Prism that are Used to Obtain Print and Other Hand Characteristic Information," 41 pages.
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	AB2	4,032,889	06/1977	Nassimbene			
	AC2	4,128,837	12/1978	Page			
	AD2	4,180,306	12/1979	Duhrkoop <i>et al.</i>			
	AE2	4,206,441	06/1980	Kondo			
	AF2	4,206,556	06/1980	Sabo <i>et al.</i>			
	AG2	4,357,597	11/1982	Butler			
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	AB3	4,578,793	03/1986	Kane <i>et al.</i>			
	AC3	4,688,092	08/1987	Kamel <i>et al.</i>			
	AD3	4,701,960	10/1987	Scott			
	AE3	4,720,869	01/1988	Wadia			
	AF3	4,736,203	04/1988	Sidlauskas			
	AG3	4,736,436	04/1988	Yasukawa <i>et al.</i>			
	AH3	4,751,660	06/1988	Hedley			
	AI3	4,751,759	06/1988	Zoell			

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	AB4	4,790,025	12/1988	Inoue <i>et al.</i>			
	AC4	4,805,117	02/1989	Fiore <i>et al.</i>			
	AD4	4,821,118	04/1989	Lafreniere			
	AE4	5,140,469	08/1992	Lamarre <i>et al.</i>			
	AF4	5,225,924	07/1993	Ogawa <i>et al.</i>			
	AG4	5,249,370	10/1993	Stanger <i>et al.</i>			
	AH4	5,307,264	04/1994	Waggener <i>et al.</i>			
	AI4	5,309,274	05/1994	Akanabe			

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	AB5	5,367,399	11/1994	Kramer			
	AC5	5,377,002	12/1994	Malin <i>et al.</i>			
	AD5	5,440,428	08/1995	Hegg <i>et al.</i>			
	AE5	5,452,135	09/1995	Maki <i>et al.</i>			
	AF5	5,469,289	11/1995	Iwao <i>et al.</i>			
	AG5	5,526,436	06/1996	Sekiya			
	AH5	5,528,355	06/1996	Maase <i>et al.</i>			
	AI5	5,588,097	12/1996	Ono <i>et al.</i>			

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	AB6	5,638,461	06/1997	Fridge			
	AC6	5,650,842	07/1997	Maase <i>et al.</i>			
	AD6	5,677,782	10/1997	Peng			
	AE6	5,699,186	12/1997	Richard			
	AF6	5,777,751	07/1998	Ward			
	AG6	5,796,426	08/1998	Gullichsen <i>et al.</i>			
	AH6	5,798,923	08/1998	Laskowski			
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	AB7	6,041,134	03/2000	Merjanian			
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	AD7	6,175,407 B1	01/2001	Sartor			
	AE7	6,198,429 B1	03/2001	Fujikawa <i>et al.</i>			
	AF7	6,243,488 B1	06/2001	Penna			
	AG7	6,341,028 B1	01/2002	Bahuguna <i>et al.</i>			
	AH7	6,394,356 B1	05/2002	Zagami			
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	AB8	6,459,451 B2	10/2002	Driscoll, Jr. <i>et al.</i>			
	AC8	6,466,686 B2	10/2002	Senior			
	AD8	6,496,608 B1	12/2002	Chui			
	AE8	6,616,065 B2	09/2003	Martin			
	AF8	2002/0049714 A1	04/2002	Yamazaki <i>et al.</i>			
	AG8	2002/0141620 A1	10/2002	Monden			
	AH8	2003/0012417 A1	01/2003	Hamid			
	AI8	2003/0099022 A1	05/2003	Karin <i>et al.</i>			

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	AB9	2004/0109591 A1	06/2004	McClurg <i>et al.</i>			
	AC9	2004/0114785 A1	06/2004	McClurg <i>et al.</i>			
	AD9	2004/0114786 A1	06/2004	Cannon <i>et al.</i>			
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